A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Land assigned to ex-service men is liable to resumption by Government in case of alienation by way of sale, gift, mortgage or lease in perpetuity within ten years from the date of the grant. Similarly, lands assigned to depressed classes are subject to resumption if alienated at any time in the manner above described except to other members of the same class. A lease other than a perpetual lease is a method of enjoyment which is not forbidden by the terms of the grant.

Assignment of lands to an Adi-Dravida in Gudiyattam taluk

* 19 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that an Adi-Dravida of Ambur, Vedamakkam, applied to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupattur, and the Collector of North Arcot for the assignment by darkhast of lands, survey Nos. 342 and 343 in the village of Balur, Gudiyattam taluk, on 5th February 1923 and several times afterwards;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam taluk declined to assign the said lands to the petitioner in question;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a rich caste man, one Kannayya Nayudu, is now permitted to cultivate the lands mentioned above and that they will be soon assigned to him; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government do not know whether or no the facts are as alleged in the question.

(*d*) As the darkhast rules provide for an appeal and also in certain circumstances for revision, the Government do not propose to intervene at this stage.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to answer to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), may I know if there is any difficulty in calling for the information? If so, what are the difficulties?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The only difficulty is that this matter is subject to an appeal in the ordinary course. In the existing state of affairs the Government do not wish to interfere."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I have not heard a word of the reply, Sir."

The hon. Mr. N E. MARJORIBANKS:—"The reason, Sir, is given in clause (*d*) of the answer."

Alleged auctioning of lands reserved for depressed classes.

*20 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is the practice to exhibit a copy of the list containing darkhast lands available for assignment to the depressed classes in all the village chavadis and in taluk offices;

(*b*) why lands intended for assignment to the depressed classes are generally being auctioned; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of such instances?